

Sinclair Broadcasting is forcing their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary just before the election. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. We have a few companies monopolizing these public airwaves with their limited messages and, as in this case, using their privileged position to disseminate their biased opinion that can only be viewed as grossly abusing their privilege. In addition, regarding the monopolizing of the airways by very few companies, we need to see these airwaves reflect our own communities and explore more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.